

FREDERICK SCHOTT AND HARRIET PHOEBE BIBBY CONRAD

Frederick Schott Conrad was born to Joshua and Eve Rodfong Conrad at Seneca County, New York, January 18, 1818—the birthplace of the Mormon Church. During his youth he moved westward through Pennsylvania and Michigan, locating for a few years near Detroit. While a youth, he played mumblepeg with the Prophet Joseph Smith.

While busying himself in agriculture during his sojourn in Michigan, he became interested in the stories about California's gold. So he joined in the gold rush to California

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in 1848, but did not reach his destination and settled at Provo.

Harriet Phoebe Bibby Conrad was born in London, England, April 5, 1847, to George and Ann Bubbs Bibby. Her father died when she was a young girl. In 1862 she, with her mother and brother George, emigrated to the United States on the John Boyd sailing vessel, being six weeks on the ocean. They then crossed the plains to Utah by independent train, under Captain Whereham, settling in Provo that same year. Her brother, George, drove the ox team most of the way. Her mother, Ann, was a straw hat maker for men, women, and children. She would gather the straw, soak it, put it through a press, hand sew and shape it over the molds to the desired shape and style. She made hats for Queen Victoria and her family. Ann's sister was a tutor for the queen's family.

It was at Provo where Frederick S. Conrad met Harriet P. Bibby and they were married in Salt Lake City, July 14, 1871. They then moved to Heber. Mr. Conrad, besides being a farmer, was a cooper by trade. He made numerous articles from wood, such as tubs, barrels, etc., by cutting trees in the canyon and cutting them into desired lengths, which he would split into pieces and shave to fit for making desired products. All this work was done by hand. He made many staves and bottoms for wooden tubs—which was the kind used in those days—for residents of town. He also split and shaved the shingles for the house now occupied by Josie Todd.

He took a great pride in raising a good garden. Among some of his products were strawberries, which he sold at from 8 to 10 cents a quart. Their home was a home of love and hospitality. Often fruit peddlers from Provo would make this home their

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headquarters while disposing of their produce and they were always welcome, free of charge.

To this couple were born six children, besides one by Harriet's former marriage. Two were still living in February, 1958.

Frederick S. Conrad died July 31, 1902, and Harriet P. Conrad died September 22, 1938, at the age of 91, after being bedfast for six years, brought on by a broken ankle. She was always very patient and independent throughout her life and during all those years as an invalid she was very patient.

Their children are: Henrietta McAfee, Eva Desmond; Joshua Frederick, married to Alotta Brown; Edwin Schott, unmarried; Mary Ann Blaine; George Francis (Frank), married to Emily Barzee, and Marriet Rosetta, Childs.